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Dear Sir:

The applicants herewith state that each item of information contained in this information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

The information was received by the applicants in the form of a search report from the British Patent Office issued on April 18, 2001 in the parallel British patent application. Copies of the report and the publications cited therein are submitted herewith.

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